

July 6, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

**\*Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 84:3-5) Pastor John**

**Pastor:** Lord Almighty, our King and our God.

**People:** Blessed are those who dwell in your house;

**Pastor:** They are ever praising you.

**People:** Blessed are those whose strength is in you!

**\*Affirmation of Faith Miriam Zech**

We believe in the one God. Creator and sustainer of all things. Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service. We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen

Passing of the Peace Miriam Zech

**\*Hymn "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" No. 662**

**\*Prayer of Assurance Miriam Zech**

Ever Faithful and Loving God, we bow before you in a spirit of love, faithfulness, and devotion. As the calendar turns to a new month, our commitment to you remains steadfast. Bless us in our journey, keep us safe, shield us from temptation, and keep us on the pathway of righteousness from this day forward. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord Jesus, you made us No. 1 in your life through your sacrifice on the cross and your resurrection from the tomb. Forgive us for our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness as we seek to keep you No. 1 in our lives by confessing our transgressions and pledging to live according to your statutes. In your Caring and Compassionate Name we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

**Scripture 1** Deuteronomy 4:24 Pastor John

**Scripture 2** Isaiah 42:8 Pastor John

**Scripture 3** Matthew 6:33 Miriam Zech

**Scripture 4** Matthew 19:38-39 Miriam Zech

**Scripture 5** Matthew 13:44-46 Pastor John

**Scripture 6** Matthew 22:34-38 Pastor John

Response

One: Let us rejoice in God's Holy Word

All: For His Word brings us Light, Hope and Joy

**\*Gloria Patri**

**\*Hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" No. 420**

**\*Special Music** Ohio Light Opera  
Laura Kellogg and Chris Lidwig

Message "Who's Your No. 1?" Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

**\*The Doxology**

**\*Prayer Over Our Offerings**

**\*Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" No. 593**

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

*\*=An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit*

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### Men's Bible Study

The men's Bible study continues this Wednesday at the Boyer's home (3595 Kister Rd). We are discussing a book, titled *The Man Code*. A light supper will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by the study from 7-8 p.m. All men are welcome.

### Guest Preachers in July

Pastor John will be away two Sundays in July. Steve Moore will lead worship and bring the message on July 13, and former Oak Chapel Pastor, Kyle Gould will lead us and deliver the sermon on July 27. We look forward to welcoming Steve and Kyle to the pulpit on those days.

### Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Oak Chapel's annual outing at an Akron Rubber Ducks game will be on Friday, August 1, at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and going fast. If you would like to attend, contact Stuart Mykrantz.

### Online Directory

Our new church directory is also accessible online. If you would like to be able to find this information on your phone, tablet, or laptop, please contact Elizabeth Feldman for details. It's fast, it's easy, and it's so convenient. We would also like to add new pictures. See Bob Troutman to add yours.

### Coins of Comfort

There is a limited supply of coins with the 23rd Psalm available in the Narthex. If you would like to take one for yourself or for someone you think might benefit from the encouragement, please feel free to do so.

### Soul Care Retreat (formerly Spa Day)

All women and girls are invited to a morning of pampering on July 26 here at Oak Chapel. A variety of relaxing activities are planned beginning at 10 a.m. Followed by a light, delicious and healthy lunch.



**Praises and Prayers**

Almighty God, we bow in your presence, offering praise and thanksgiving for our relationship with you. As we count our many blessings, we also ask you to hear our praises and prayers that we lift before you...

**Praises**

- \*For God’s presence in our church and in our world
- \*For the compassion of our caregivers
- \*For the power of prayer in our church
- \*For the legacy of those who came before us
- \*For the gifts God has given our medical professionals
- \*For the beautiful voices in our congregation
- \*For the Ohio Light Opera performers
- \*For Breean, who had successful surgery
- \*For the recovery and return of Joyce Varns
- \*For Sheri Finn’s cousin, who is home from the hospital

**Prayers**

- \*For an end to the violence that has gripped our world
- \*For Todd Hauser, who is having heart surgery
- \*For the Harris Family following the passing of Ishwar
- \*For Sheila Burckhart, who is dealing with respiratory issues
- \*For Jeannie Haghiri, whose mother passed last month
- \*For Sandy Hower’s neighbor, who has cancer
- \*For traveling mercies for Sandy Hower’s friend
- \*For Stuart Mykrantz’s colleague, who is having treatments
- \*For Ken Picking, who is scheduled to have heart surgery
- \*For Kirsten Stiffler, who had surgery last week
- \*For a young family going through a difficult time
- \*For travel mercies and a safe camp for 4-H participants
- \*For Doug Carpenter, who is on life-support following surgery
- \*For Marie Houghton, who fell and is in rehab at West View

**Last Week’s Attendance:** ..... 38 in person..... 36 online  
**Last Week’s Offering:** ..... \$5,800

**Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...**

Sunday 7/6	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7/8	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7/9	Acorn Society	11:30 a.m.
	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Thursday 7/10	4-H	7:00 p.m.

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 7/13	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7/15	Senior Social	1:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	Outreach Team	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 7/16	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.

**Acorn Society**

On July 9, at 11:30 a.m. the Acorn Society will meet at Brick Street Kitchen, 226 W Market St, in Orrville. Please mark your attendance sheet if you plan to attend.

**Mission u 2025**

“Practicing Hope Together” July 18-20 at The University of Mt. Union. This annual, multi-generational event is open to all women and girls 6-18. See Elizabeth Feldman for details.

**Opportunity for Service at Oak Chapel**

1. Counters’ Team
  2. Librarian
  3. Fill oil candles
  4. Keep envelopes and pencils supplied
- If you would like to volunteer, see Elizabeth.

**Upcoming Worship Services**

July 13 ..... Why Does God Allow Suffering? (Steve Moore)  
 July 20..... No Sweat  
 July 27..... Kyle Gould  
 August 3 ..... What are You Worried About?

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through Love, Compassion,  
Fellowship, and Caring*

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**Today’s Message**  
**“Who’s Your No. 1?”**